

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for brazing a heat exchanger that includes a block of tubes and fins, which comprises:

a brazing frame which accommodates the block within itself and which comprises two brazing bars arranged parallel to each other and a plurality of tie rods which connect the brazing bars together[.];

wherein the brazing bars have an open profile which opens toward one longitudinal side and which comprises a plurality of openings therein;

further comprising a compression device for compressing the tubes and fins together in a direction transverse to the block, said compression device comprising opposing compression members that include a plurality of fingers spaced to cooperate with said openings.

2. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the brazing bars are at a fixed distance b from each other which corresponds to a width of the block in a compressed condition suitable for brazing.

3. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the brazing bars have a height h and a length l which correspond to the height H and the length L of the block.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim [[4]] 1, wherein the tie rods are fixed to the lower longitudinal sides of the brazing bars, and wherein the openings are open toward the upper longitudinal sides of the brazing bars.

6. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the openings comprises slots arranged at right angles to the longitudinal side.

7. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising transverse spars inter-connecting the tie rods.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein said openings comprise notches.

9. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the brazing frame has a fixed dimension transverse to said block.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the brazing bars comprise angled profiles having a continuous leg and a leg comprising a plurality of notches.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said tubes are flat tubes and said fins are corrugated fins.

13. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat exchanger comprises a condenser.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)